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# Presentation of Awards



2018 Member Company Employee of the Year

2018 Associate Member of the Year

2018 Member Company of the Year

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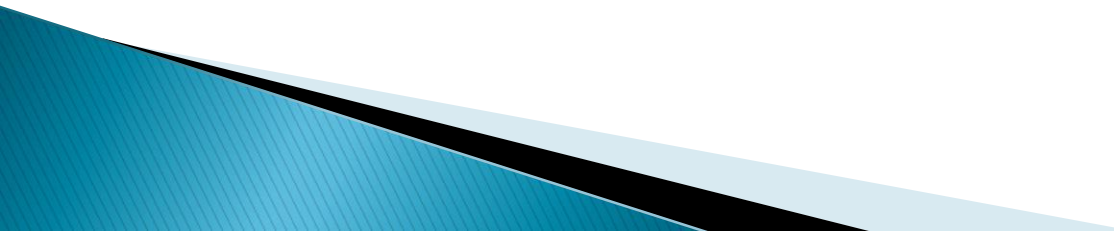
## ILLINOIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

**Eric Schmidt  
Home Telephone Company**

### 2018 Member Company Employee Recognition Award

**In recognition of his service to the  
Illinois Telecommunications Association  
and for his help in fostering education and collaboration  
among members of the telecommunications industry.**

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# 2018 Associate Member of the Year

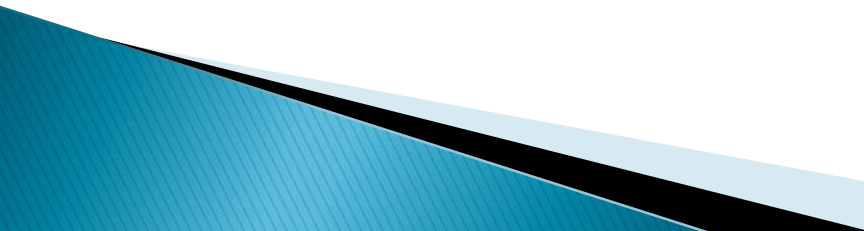
## ILLINOIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

Central Cable Contractors, Inc.

### 2018 Associate Member of the Year

**In recognition of outstanding contributions and support of  
the Illinois Telecommunications Association's  
sponsored events and for exceptional service  
to the telecommunications industry.**

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# 2018 Member Company of the Year

## ILLINOIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

**Wabash Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

**2018 Member Company of the Year**

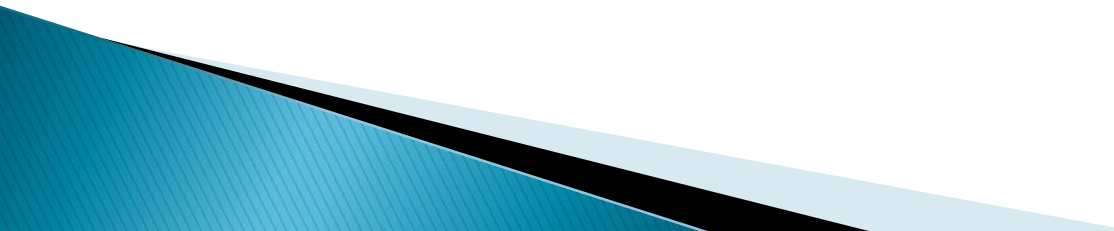
**In recognition of outstanding support of the Illinois Telecommunications Association by consistently providing the highest quality telecommunications services and customer support for the residents and businesses the company serves.**

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# Legislative Update

»» 100th General Assembly  
2018 Spring Session

# Significant Legislative Issues

- State Budget
  - Broadband Advisory Council
  - Illinois Century Network Overbuild Limitations
  - Small Cell Deployment
  - Net Neutrality
  - Call Center Worker Protection Act
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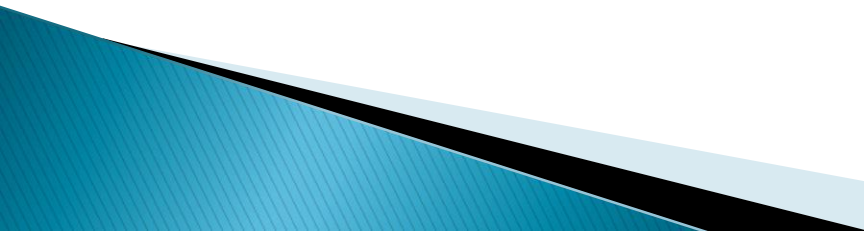


# Illinois has a State Budget!

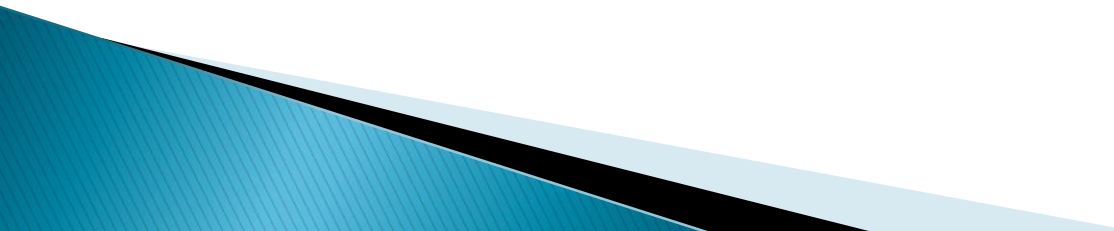
- ▶ The General Assembly negotiated and passed a \$38.5 Billion budget with overwhelming, bipartisan support.
- ▶ Members of both parties and the Governor applauded the budget for being balanced, for holding the line on spending and for not raising taxes.
- ▶ Includes \$16.3 Million for school district broadband expansion with the goal that all school districts achieve broadband capability by the beginning of the 2020–2021 school year.
  - Funds are to be distributed to school districts that have been approved for broadband expansion under the federal Universal Service Program for Schools and Libraries
  - School districts without high speed Internet access will receive priority



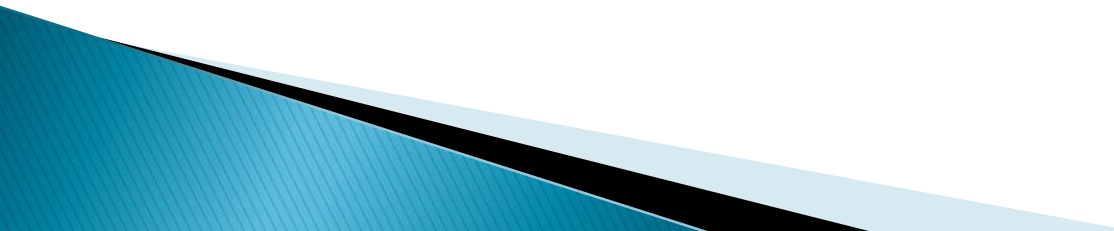
# Broadband Advisory Council

- ▶ HB 5752 establishes a Broadband Advisory Council to explore ways to expand broadband access to unserved areas of Illinois
  - ▶ 21 voting member council and includes 7 members representing broadband providers – also the four legislative leaders each appoint one non-voting member
  - ▶ Wide-range of goals for the council for bringing broadband to unserved areas, increasing broadband adoption and broadband expansion
  - ▶ Council submits a report to the General Assembly annually
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# Illinois Century Network Overbuild Limitations

- ▶ SB 1606 would limit the Illinois Century Network (ICN) to serving the direct connection needs of anchor institutions defined as schools, institutions of higher education, libraries, museums, research institutions, state agencies and units of local government.
  - ▶ Allows the ICN to continue wholesale connections with other registered or certified providers.
  - ▶ Requires the ICN to avoid duplication of existing communication networks if those networks are capable of maintaining sufficient capacity
  - ▶ Transfers the oversight of the ICN from the Illinois Century Network Policy Committee to the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology
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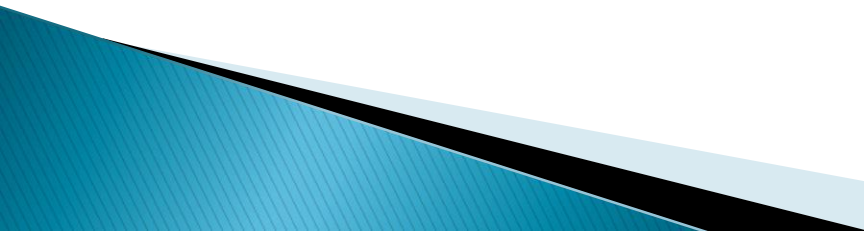
# Small Cell Deployment

- ▶ SB 1451 – an initiative of the wireless industry to promote investment and facilitate the deployment of small cells in Illinois communities passed the House and Senate last fall and was signed into law in March by Gov. Rauner
  - ▶ Addresses local government regulation of wireless service providers' access to public rights-of-way by implementing a shot-clock for application permits and limits on application fees
  - ▶ Groups of municipal governments proposed legislation this spring to provide exemptions for communities that already had small-cell ordinances in place – industry opposition prevented the measure from advancing
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# Net Neutrality

- ▶ Following the FCC's adoption of the Restoring Internet Freedom Order in December, more than two dozen states, made efforts to enact their own net neutrality regulations on Internet Service Providers.
  - ▶ Four bills were introduced by Illinois legislators attempting to enact state-specific net neutrality principles in Illinois
  - ▶ HB 4819 would bar any Internet Service Provider from contracting with the state unless the ISP agreed not to block or throttle lawful Internet traffic, engage in paid prioritization; or unreasonably interfere with or disadvantage edge providers' ability to make lawful content, applications or services available to end users.
  - ▶ The bill passed out of committee, but the sponsor failed to garner enough support to pass the full House
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# Call Center Worker & Consumer Protection Act

- ▶ Would require any company with 50 or more employees in customer service or back-office operations that intends to relocate a call center to another state or foreign country to notify the State Treasurer 120 days prior to the relocation.
  - ▶ Failure to report is subject to a civil penalty up to \$10,000/each day of such violation.
  - ▶ Any employer relocating a call center out of Illinois would be ineligible for any state grants or state guaranteed loans for 5 years and would also have to remit the unamortized value of any grant, guaranteed loans, tax benefits or any other government support it previously received
  - ▶ State agencies would be required to ensure all state-business-related call center and customer service work be performed by state contractors entirely within the state.
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# Questions?

- ▶ Summaries and the status of all of the bills affecting the telecommunications and broadband industry are available on our website.
- ▶ [www.il-ita.com](http://www.il-ita.com)

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